UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Starr Indemnity & Liability Company, Inc., et al.

Case No. 22-cv-3007 (WMW/DTS)

Plaintiffs,

ORDER

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JPF Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

Defendant Easy Express filed an Answer in this case [Dkt. No. 11], purporting to represent itself. Because a corporation cannot appear pro se, the Court orders the Answer stricken. *United States v. Van Stelton*, 988 F.2d 70, 70 (8th Cir. 1993). 28 U.S.C. § 1654 allows individuals to represent themselves, but "that right has never been interpreted to allow an individual to appear for a corporation pro se." *Carr Enters., Inc. v. United States*, 689 F.2d 952, 953 (8th Cir. 1983). Easy Express must retain counsel who shall file the Cororation's answer in this case.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Easy Express's Answer [Dkt. No. 11] is stricken.
- 2. Easy Express shall retain counsel, re-draft, and refile an answer no later than 20 days from the date of this Order.

Dated: January 30, 2023

<u>s/David T. Schultz</u>
DAVID T. SCHULTZ
U.S. Magistrate Judge